

**In the Claims:**

Amend claims 1, 6 and 15, as follows. [Format corresponding to 37 CFR §1.121(c)(i), ie. "without markings".]

1(Twice Amended). A method of reducing absorption into a laminated material used for the manufacture of containers having walls and which in use has an intended inner surface and a core barrier layer, said method comprising arranging for at least one further layer, formed from a non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin filled with a platelet filler comprising talc, to be positioned inwardly of the barrier layer, said core barrier layer consisting essentially of a vapor impermeable non-polyolefin and having a thickness of less than 25 microns.

6(Twice Amended). A laminated material for the manufacture of a container having walls and which, in use, has a surface intended to be external of the container and a surface intended to be internal of the container, the laminated material comprising an intermediate barrier layer consisting essentially of a non-polyolefin thermoplastic material having, on its inner side, at least one further layer comprising a non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin filled with a platelet filler comprising talc, said barrier layer having a thickness of less than 25 microns.

15(Twice Amended). A container comprising walls formed from a laminated material having a core barrier layer consisting essentially of a non-polyolefin thermoplastic material with at least one further layer arranged internally of the barrier layer, said one further layer comprising a non-polar thermoplastic polyolefin resin filled with platelets of talc having an aspect ratio of at

least 5 and an average aspect ratio of from 16 to 30, and wherein the one further layer has a CIE whiteness of at least 40 and said barrier layer has a thickness of less than 25 microns.